

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Labour Party
Split

THE British Labour Parliamentary Party has every cause to feel concerned about this week's revolt by the Bevanites and their sympathisers in the Commons which saw 72 Socialist MPs refusing to go into the voting lobby to support the Opposition leader. This time the split went far beyond the personal antipathy which has engulfed relations between Mr Attlee and Mr Bevan during the past four years. It gave expression to a widely differing philosophy concerning the exploitation of atomic and nuclear-thermo weapons in the cause of international peace which exists within the ranks of Labour MPs.

By carrying with him 70 Socialists in his pointed challenge to the Labour Party's leader, Mr Bevan widened still further the split among Socialists which has already gravely undermined their strength as the official Opposition. It has done even more. It has increased the doubts and perplexities of the Party's rank and file, who cannot readily understand why an amendment to a government motion, virtually amounting to a vote of censure, should not have been supported by the entire Labour Opposition in the House.

THE Attlee-Bevan issue has now been fully joined. Bevan has given clear notice that from now on he is going to fight his Party leader as long as Attlee refuses to subscribe to unqualified repudiation of the government's policies relating to international affairs. And as a backbencher he is in a strong tactical position to conduct his internecine warfare. No longer a member of the Socialist "Shadow Cabinet" he is freed from loyalty to his colleagues which he would otherwise have to respect. He can work for his political ends without suffering the stigma of being a "blackleg." He is in an unchallengeable position of being able to use his arts of persuasion on individual Socialists.

The net result of the feud between Bevan and the Party chiefs could be extremely serious for the political future of the Socialists. No Party can expect to obtain the majority support of the electorate when it is so utterly divided on matters of high policy. The floating vote which in these times virtually decides the result of a general election cannot be expected to be cast in favour of a party which is torn within itself. Thus there is more at stake in the Attlee-Bevan struggle than leadership of the Labour Party. It could also make it impossible for the Socialists to win the next general election.

NEW

Novel
Status For
Malta
Envisaged

From Colin Hamilton
Malta, Mar. 3.

Malta, the only island in the world with a gallantry decoration — the George Cross for wartime heroism under German attacks — may become another county of Britain just like Kent or Yorkshire.

For with last week's general election vote count nearing completion, all indications are the local Labour Party has won. That means the Party chief, 38-year-old Oxford graduate Don Minoff, will be Premier, and Minoff has his own very definite views on the future status of this rocky Mediterranean island.

Unlike his great rival, slight, suave Dr Borg Olivier, he doesn't want the island to cease being a British colony and become an independent nation within the Commonwealth.

His answer is "complete integration" with the United Kingdom, with all the privileges involved—including members in the House of Commons.

"UNREALISTIC"

But Minoff will have a tough fight with Britain's Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd to realise his dream. For high level Colonial Office sources say the British government thinks the Minoff plan is every bit as unrealistic as the Borg Olivier scheme to have economically poor Malta operate independently.

Particularly unpopular is the idea of Maltese MPs sitting in Parliament and possibly upsetting the balance of power.

Official sources here claim the best Minoff can hope for is a compromise offer by Britain which would give this strategically vital few square miles the status of a "neighbouring island"—a position held by the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, where a local parliament is allowed to look after strictly local affairs, leaving all major subjects like defence and foreign policy to Britain. — London Express Service.

40 SOLDIERS
KILLED IN
TRAIN CRASH

Berlin, Mar. 3.
At least 40 Soviet soldiers were killed when a military train was derailed in East Germany last Saturday, the West German News Agency, DPA, said today.

The agency said the stoker of the train had fled to West Berlin after the accident which occurred near Plauen, Saxony, on Saturday evening.

The stoker said the train, comprising 30 wagons, was derailed at a junction when the wheels of the engine ran off the rails and the engine suddenly blocked the track. — Reuter.

Randolph Churchill Writes

Sir Winston Churchill's son, Randolph writes for tomorrow's China Mail. Following his father's surprise revelation in the House of Commons this week, Randolph Churchill's subject — "Should the Big Three Meet Now?" — has up-to-the-minute interest for everybody.

This is only one of the many highlights appearing in tomorrow's feature-packed family favourite — the Saturday Mail.

Whitaker Wright, the juggler in millions, is the subject of this week's article in the new Great Gamblers series which the China Mail began publishing exclusively last week.

Leslie Montgomery writing on the Cloak and Dagger Squadron tells of the courage of spies they dropped over enemy territory during the war.

William Fiat tells the Malaya-Siam frontier and reports the latest terrorist activities there in "Storm Clouds Over a Troubled Border."

For the film fans, Orson Welles and John Huston get together at the dinner table of David Lewin to talk things over.

These are just some of the highlights of this week's China Mail. All your regular favourites are in it as well including three pages of home and local news, a cartoon by the formidable Giles, reviews of current films showing in Hongkong, by Jane Roberts.

And they're reading at the Valley tomorrow. The Saturday Mail has all the winners.

DIPLOMATIC MOVES

OVER FORMOSA

Britain, India
And Russia
Involved

Moscow, Mar. 3.

The Indian and British embassies in Moscow are again in contact with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, on steps to settle the Formosa problem, authoritative circles said today.

Indo-Soviet contacts have taken place at regular intervals since Feb. 4 but there was a gap of nearly three weeks before Anglo-Soviet contacts were resumed.

The gap occurred after the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, reported to Mr Molotov on Feb. 9 on the British government's unfavourable reaction to the Soviet proposal that the Chinese Nationalists should be excluded from a 10-power Formosa conference suggested by Russia.

Usually reliable sources said the Soviet government appeared sincere in its efforts to settle the Formosa problem and anxious the discussions should be conducted with the utmost secrecy.

KNOWLAND WANTS
Release Of
Fliers Or
Blockade Of
Red China

Washington, Mar. 3.

The Senate Republican leader, William Knowland, called tonight for a blockade of Red China if United Nations efforts to free 15 gaoled American fliers did not succeed by April 1.

Senator Knowland said he favoured a blockade by the UN but indicated that he wanted the United States to act alone if the UN failed to do so.

Senator Knowland, interviewed on a radio programme, said President Eisenhower and the State Department had made clear they did not intend to wait indefinitely for UN efforts to free the imprisoned airmen.

"I hope they are produced before this month is out, because I would certainly think that would be the end of the waiting period," he said.

HIS INTENTION

"If not, it would be my intention to raise the matter in the Senate of the United States again in a very vigorous manner if they are not released before the end of this month."

Asked about chances for a UN blockade, Senator Knowland said this would depend on how many UN nations "are willing to show any co-operation."

He said a possible alternative to a blockade would be withdrawal of recognition of Red China by all UN members. He said he believed this would be "effective."

Senator Knowland also said that if other UN members were "prepared to co-operate, then I think we must be prepared to take whatever effective steps are necessary, and a blockade, in my judgment, would be an effective step."

ACCUSES ATTLEE

The Senate Republican leader accused Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour Party, of "the grossest sort of appeasement" by advocating surrender of Quemoy and the Matsu Islands to the Chinese mainland to the Chinese Reds.

Senator Knowland reiterated his belief that the United States would help defend Quemoy and the Matsu Islands because they were "definite island outposts of Formosa and the Pescadore Islands." — United Press.

The Duke To
Go To Sea
Again

London, Mar. 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh will sail from Villefranche, France, on March 10 to take part in naval exercises in the Mediterranean. It was announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

He will go to Villefranche by air.

He will see the exercises from the Royal Yacht Britannia which is taking part.

The Palace announcement said: "The Duke of Edinburgh will leave England by air and join HM Yacht Britannia in the Mediterranean, sailing from Villefranche, on March 10."

"Britannia will then take part in combined fleet exercises and arrive at Malta on March 16."

"His Royal Highness will leave Malta in the Britannia on March 22 in company with the Home Fleet and visit Gibraltar from March 26 to March 28, en route to the United Kingdom."

— Reuter.

Second Quake
Hits Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii, Mar. 3.

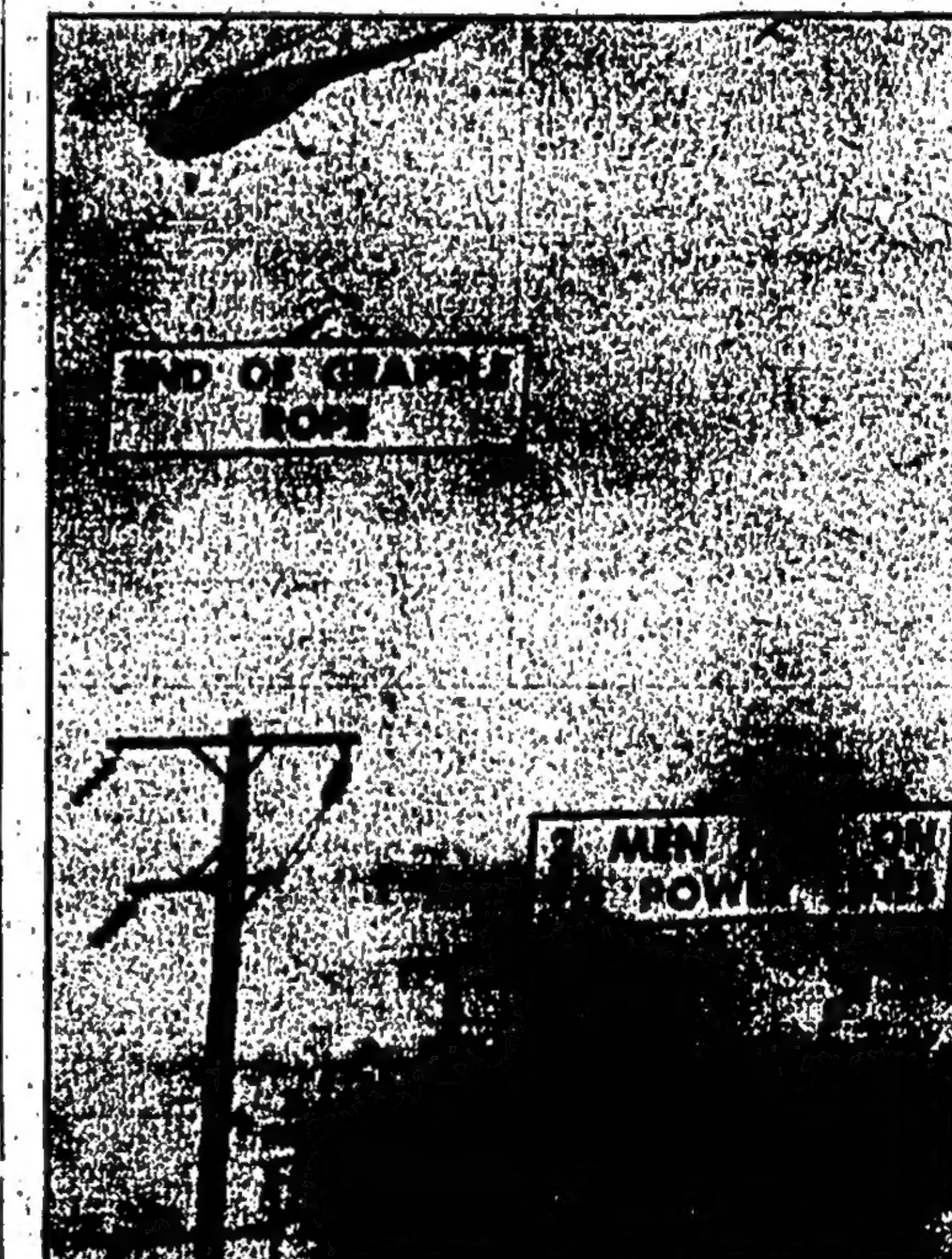
A newly-erupted volcano belched molten lava 200 feet into the air when the second earthquake in two days hit this island today.

Today's quake ripped open a new fissure more than a mile long in the new volcano, which has been spouting lava since it erupted last Monday.

Fourteen famer workers were killed during yesterday's quake and 900 persons have abandoned their homes to escape the "red hot lava" which, unconfined, roared down the steeply sloping sides of the volcano.

Scientists at the Hawaii Laboratory near here believed the eruption the first to occur here since 1840, may mean a return to activity of the extinct Kilauea volcano, which it is feared will erupt again.

— Reuter.



Tragedy brought to an end a rescue attempt by a helicopter to rescue two men from a small boat that was capsizing after being caught by flood water at Maitland, New South Wales. The two dramatic pictures tell the story. Top, the helicopter snatches the men from the railway box, but (above) they fall to their deaths on high tension cables after slipping from the grappling rope. — Reuterphoto.

2 Years For
Communist
Collaborator

New York, Mar. 3.

Master Sergeant William Olson today received a sentence of two years' hard labour and dishonourable discharge following his conviction by a court martial on charges of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Korea.

The sentence also carried forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Olson stood erect as his sentence was read, saluted the court, and then resumed his seat at the table with his counsel and bowed his head in his hands.

The 40-year-old sergeant was convicted last night on three of seven charges against him. He was convicted by making "an anti-American speech of praising enemy treatment of prisoners of war and of writing pro-Communist matter for the prison camp newspaper."

The sentence on any of the above charges could have been death.

The court found that Olson was guilty of the other two charges. Olson was not charged with espionage or with divulging confidential matter to the enemy.

AE15 Million
NSW Flood
Damage

Sydney, Mar. 3.

Police and civic authorities tonight estimated the New South Wales flood damage at AE15,000,000 (£12,000,000 sterling) with many reports still to come in.

Gifts of money, food, clothing and fodder were pouring into relief centres where the floods receded leaving behind them a vast area of death, destruction and slime.

The closely settled Hunter Valley is hardest hit with destruction estimated at AE10,000,000, of which half was suffered by the battered town of Maitland.

Tonight waters were battering levees against the defensive junction town of Wagait, 457 miles northwest of here, as Air Force transport planes dropped sandbags and supplies to the embattled townsfolk. — Reuter.

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Kidnapped
Colonel
Was Well
Treated

Rangoon, Mar. 3.
A former British Army colonel, freed after a month in bandit hands in Burma, said today his kidnappers treated him with "extreme courtesy and kindness" and did everything they could to make him comfortable.

Colonel Richard Oswald Perrott, 57, told reporters the bandits "even gave me their blankets when the nights were cold and they had to sleep without covering."

At no time did he feel his life to be in danger.

After the bandits seized him while he was on a shooting trip near Taungtha, 42 miles north of Rangoon, on Feb. 8, they demanded 100,000 kyats (about £7,500) ransom for his release.

MONEY COLLECTED
His friends, including former Burmese servants, collected 25,000 kyats (nearly £2,000) which was taken out into the jungle by the British Consul, Mr Spence, on "quack" to Mr But Mr Minto was unable to contact the bandits, and the money was sent out again last Monday with Colonel Perrott's driver.

Colonel Perrott, until recently Secretary of the Pegu Club here, said today he was released on Tuesday night after the bandits had received the ransom money.

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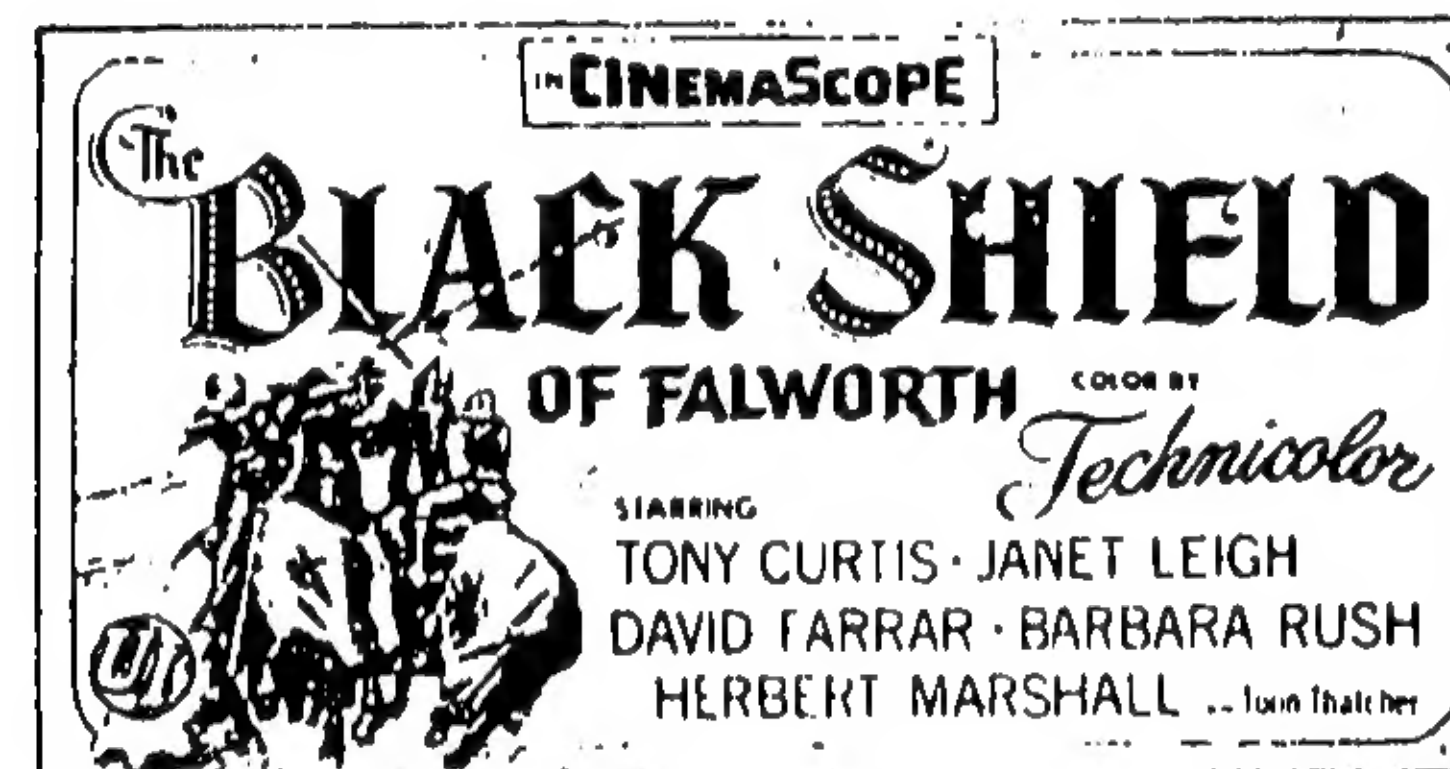
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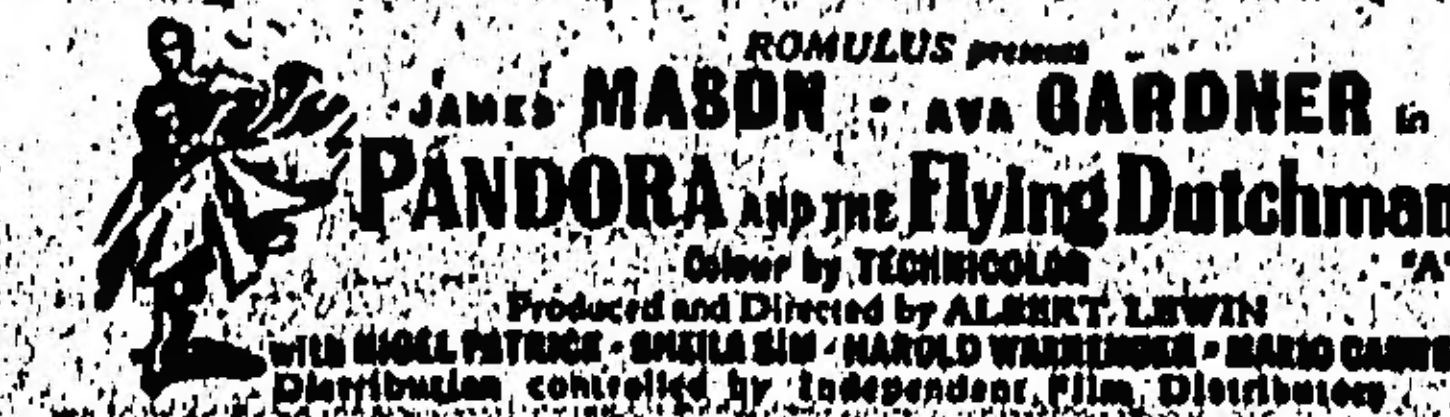


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JAPANESE IMPORTS INTO U.S.

Senator Doubts Wisdom Of An Increase TARIFF BILL INQUIRY

Washington, Mar. 3.

A member of the Senate Finance Committee said today that he had written to President Eisenhower expressing doubts about the wisdom of permitting increased imports from Japan.

Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont) told the Committee — hearing testimony on the President's low tariff trade bill — that he had warned the President of increasing Japanese competition and that certain American domestic industries would be faced with "a great deal of difficulty" in competing with Japan if certain Japanese imports were allowed in even on a stop-gap basis.

"Our types and plans focus on the possibility of reviving in natural area of trade in Asia for Japan," he said.

SHOWDOWN

The Secretary of Defense, Mr. Charles Wilson, warned the Committee that the final showdown between the free and Communist world might not be a military one.

It could very well be in the economic, political and propaganda arenas, he said, and the stronger overseas allies were economically and militarily, the better it would be for them and the United States.

Approval of the tariff bill would be an important step in the efforts to strengthen the free world in a military, economic and psychological sense.

The United States global military interest must be supported by the economic strength of the nations involved, Mr. Wilson said, and one of the ways to achieve this support was to reduce trade barriers and eliminate artificial trade restrictions in a way that would not upset national economies.

The President's foreign economic programme, he said, would:

1. Increase production in the United States and allied nations and meet the needs of an all-out emergency.
2. Make available a sufficient quantity of strategic critical materials.
3. Create healthy economies abroad so that friendly nations could combat Communism successfully and maintain a strong military potential.
4. Facilitate controls on trade with Iron Curtain countries to insure that materials would not reach the Communist bloc for the buildup of an aggressive powerful military machine.

CAREFULLY SCREENED

The Defence Secretary added: "Trade in carefully screened non-strategic items with the Communist bloc may at some time help to promote basic understandings that will ultimately contribute to peace in the world."

"Trade is even more important to many nations than it is to the United States and control of trade in even strategic materials on a free world basis will be difficult unless markets for trade in non-strategic items are broadened, including as large a market as possible in the United States."

Mr. Wilson, under questioning, said he favoured bartering United States surplus butter to Soviet Russia for manganese, a strategic material.

"We would gain importantly from that kind of trade," he said. "The butter gets rancid but the manganese would last for ever. We are not going to take gold for the butter and bury it (gold) in the ground at Fort Knox."

DARK AGES

Senator Walter George (Democrat, Georgia), agreed with Mr. Wilson and said anyone who thought Russia could get butter elsewhere "in the world would be going back to the Dark Ages."

But a long time for the international trade programme, Senator George Madison (Republican, Nevada) maintained that a nation preparing for war any material whether it be

steel, buttons or butter was war material.

When he said the United States was in the power of India for manganese supplies, Mr. Wilson disagreed and said the battle happened to have manganese at a good price but the United States had some manganese of its own stockpile and could get more from other countries.

The third Cabinet officer to come before the Committee today, Mr. James Mitchell, Secretary of Labour, took issue with protectionist claims that imports of foreign made goods would cause heavy unemployment in domestic industries.

"Available evidence points to only a very small fraction of current unemployment as being traceable to the effect of imports," he said. "It is not likely that the moderate and gradual authority to reduce tariffs (in the bill) would cause any significant displacement of American workers."

Approval of the bill would be of benefit not only to United States workers and industries but to other friendly nations as it would encourage expanded world trade, he said.

ADJOURNED

The Labour Secretary stressed the importance of exports in the nation's economy — now at the rate of \$15,000 million a year — and said that of the more than 61 million workers in the country, some four and one-third million workers were in jobs generated by export trade.

Following Mr. Mitchell's testimony the Committee adjourned the hearing until tomorrow morning. — Reuter.

CARDINAL TOLD TO RETIRE

Vatican City, Mar. 3. Vatican circles indicated here today that reports from Spain that Pedro Cardinal Segura, Archbishop of Seville, had been asked to retire to an Augustine monastery were accurate.

The Archbishop was approached by Monsignor Rafael Alvarez Lara, Bishop of Gaudis, he said.

Cardinal Segura's presence in Seville constituted an element in the discussion in the Church and created a very "painful" impression in Rome, Vatican circles said.

The Holy See might intervene if the Cardinal persisted in refusing to heed the request, but a recourse to a measure depriving him of his robes was considered unlikely. — France-Press.

POP

AND WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO IF I REFUSE TO HELP WITH THE CLEANING?



Twin spires of St. Columba Cathedral, in Youngstown, Ohio, U.S.A., struck by lightning and wrecked by fire on September 2, are pulled down during demolition work. Demolition of parts of the edifice, a Youngstown landmark for more than 60 years, followed a settlement with fire insurance companies for slightly less than 1,000,000 dollars. After the disastrous fire, only the Cathedral's marble altar remained intact. — Express Photo.

Swindler Took Over A French Gaol

Paris, Mar. 3.

The Pont Leveque gaol, in Normandy, was a strange one, indeed. Maurice Teumer, a convict, had been brought there in 1947 for swindling.

His capacities as a businessman were quickly discovered and he was given administrative work to do. He had so much authority that the gaol officials were glad to have most of their work done by him.

Another Cigar Box For Churchill

London, Mar. 3. Sir Winston Churchill was today presented with a cigar box on behalf of Thailand's Prime Minister, Marshal Pibul Songgram, to mark the British Premier's 60th birthday last November.

The presentation was made by the Thai Ambassador, Prince Wangsa Nuvatra Devakula at No. 10, Downing Street, the Premier's London residence. — Reuter.

Archers Go Game Hunting

Paris, Mar. 3. A United States team of crack shot archers arrived here by air today from New York on their way to a game-hunting expedition with bows and arrows in French Equatorial Africa.

They are to fly out from here to Fort "Archambault" in French Equatorial Africa.

The leader of the expedition, Albert van Derkoud, said the archers would concentrate on gazelle and antelope. He said they would not hunt lions because these animals seldom left their dens during daylight. — France-Press.

In fact, he practically became the gaol's "boss." The gaol entirely changed in character. In fact it became a paradise. Thanks to Teumer, prisoners were allowed to receive their girl friends in their cells.

PARTIES

"Parties" were organised in the gaol. Prisoners could also go out on Sundays to the fashionable seaside resort of Deauville to attend horse races.

Finally, thanks to forged stamps, prisoners, in exchange for the moderate fee of HK\$320 to HK\$640, were able to obtain quick release from gaol. They went home without difficulty while central administration authorities still believed they were still in the Pont Leveque gaol as their names had not been erased from the records.

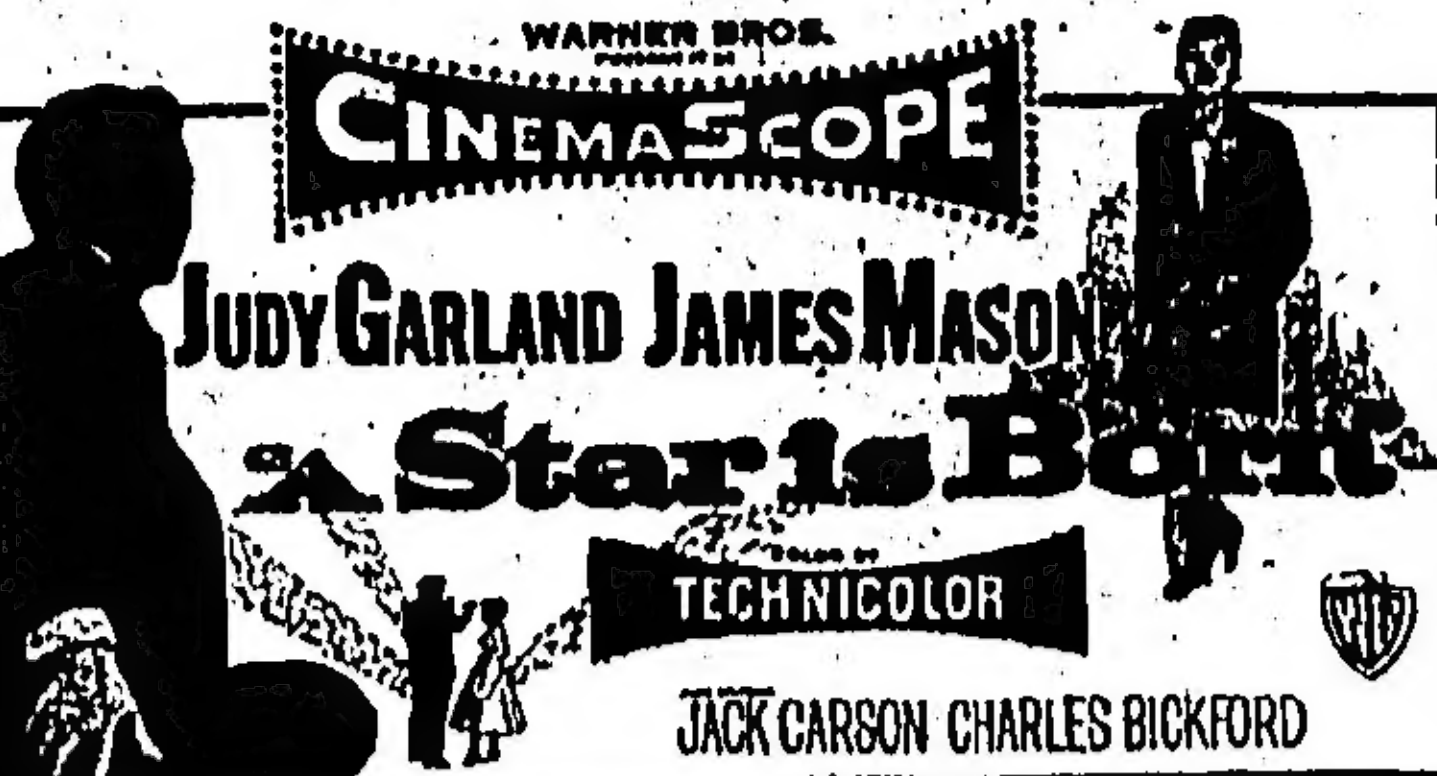
Teumer's activities were discovered when one of the "prisoners" was again arrested and revealed through what trick he had been able to escape.

By this time, Teumer had found a still more profitable "racket." Working in a notary's office, he was visiting some customers and promising them to settle to their advantage inheritance cases — against a considerable share of the inheritance.

After his arrest, it was also discovered that he had issued a large number of cheques without the necessary funds to meet them. — France-Press.

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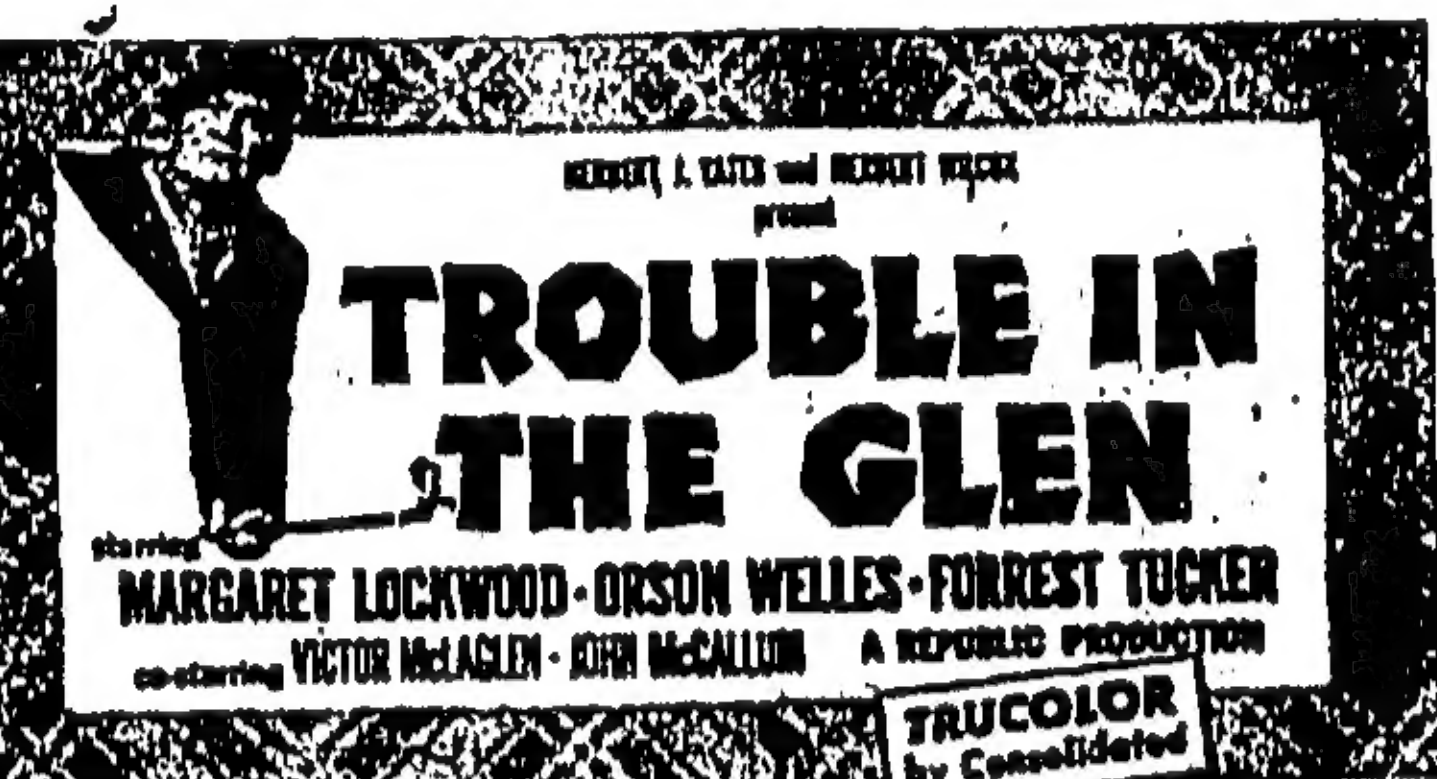
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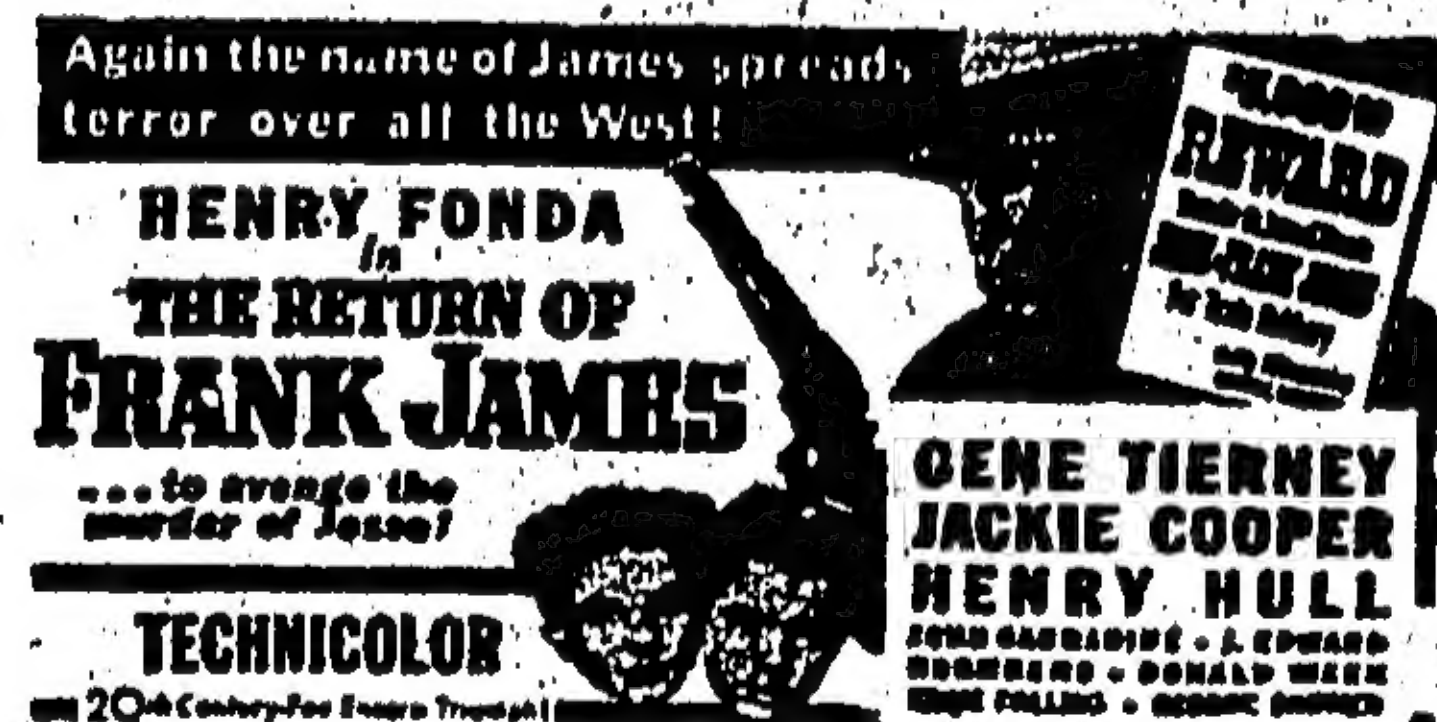
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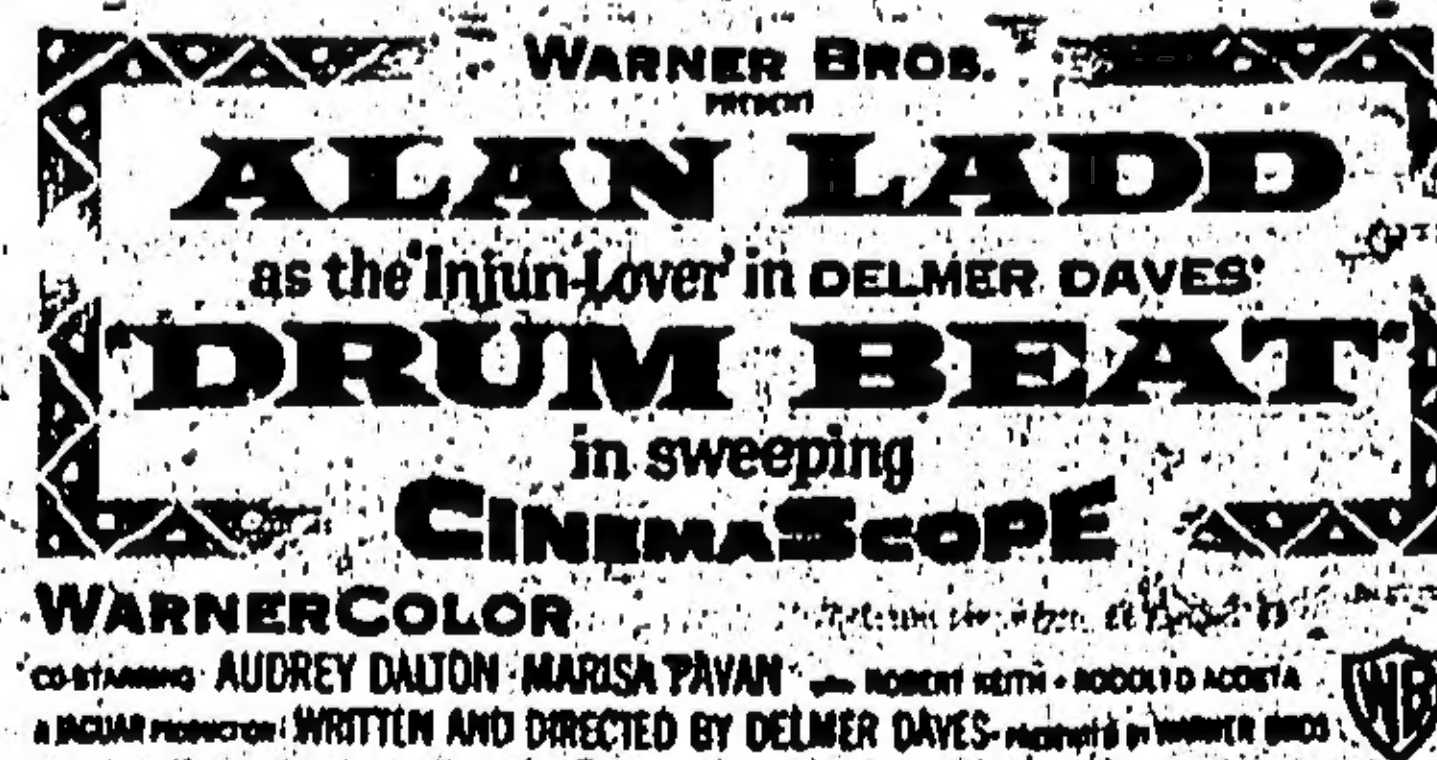
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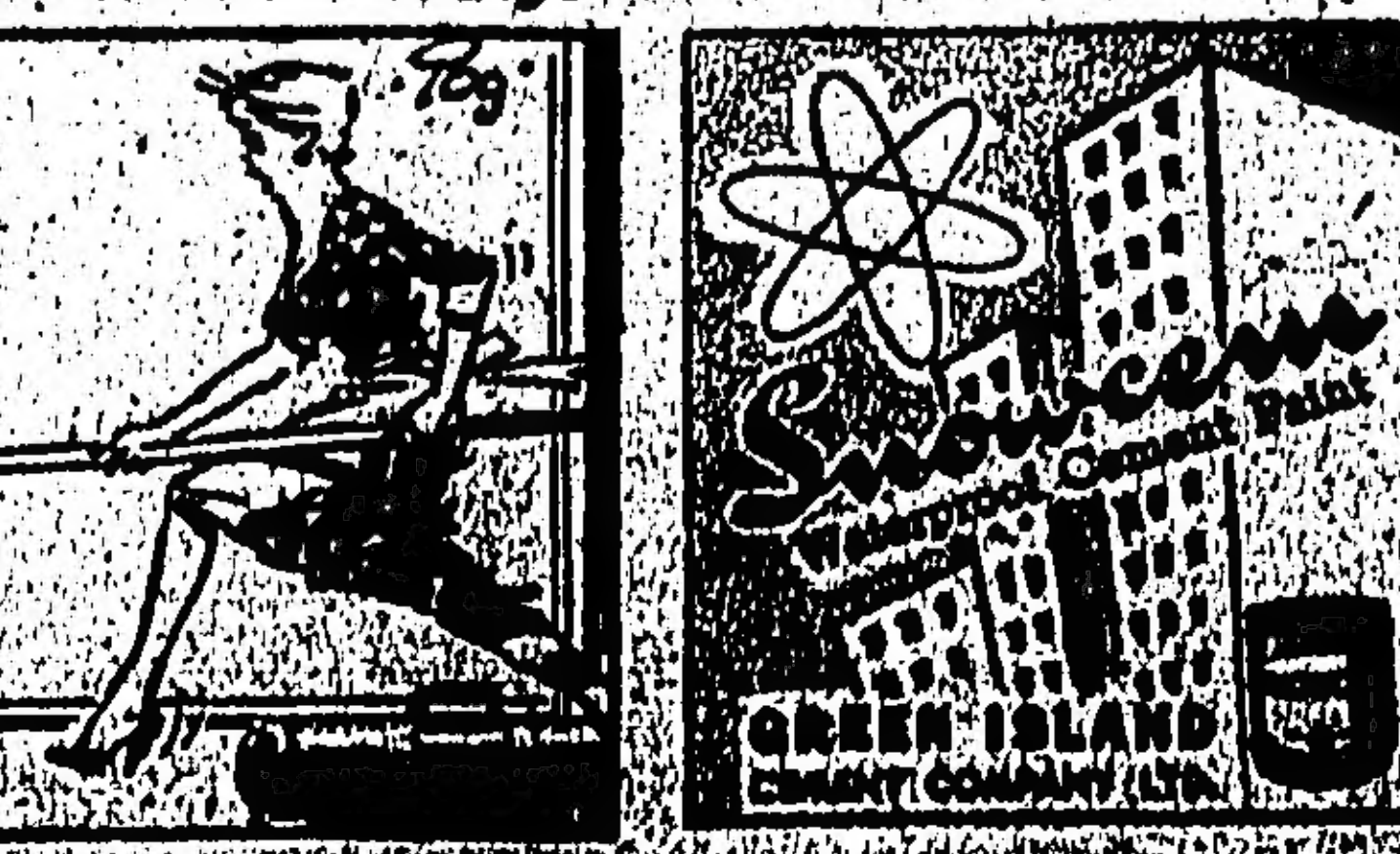
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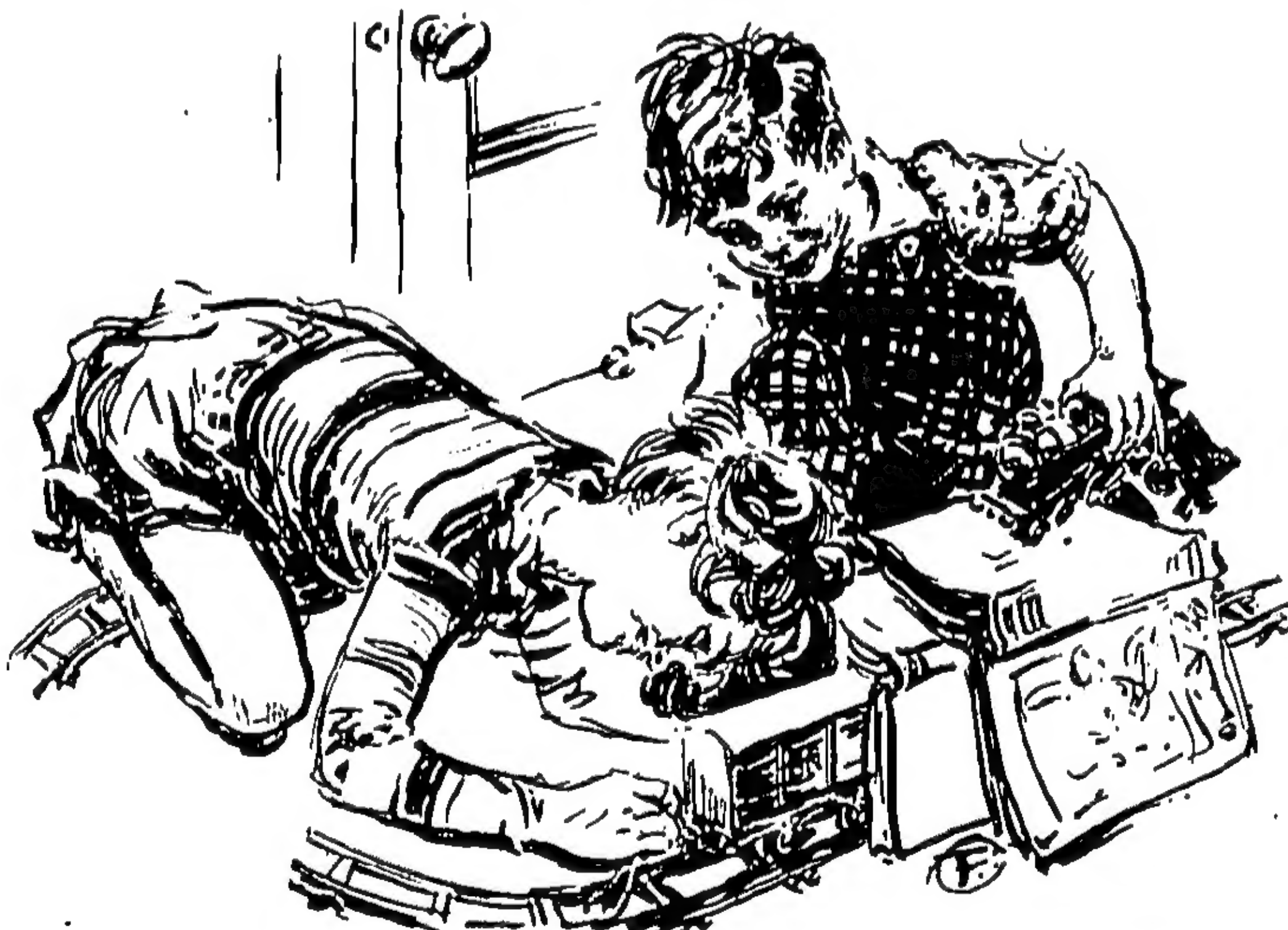
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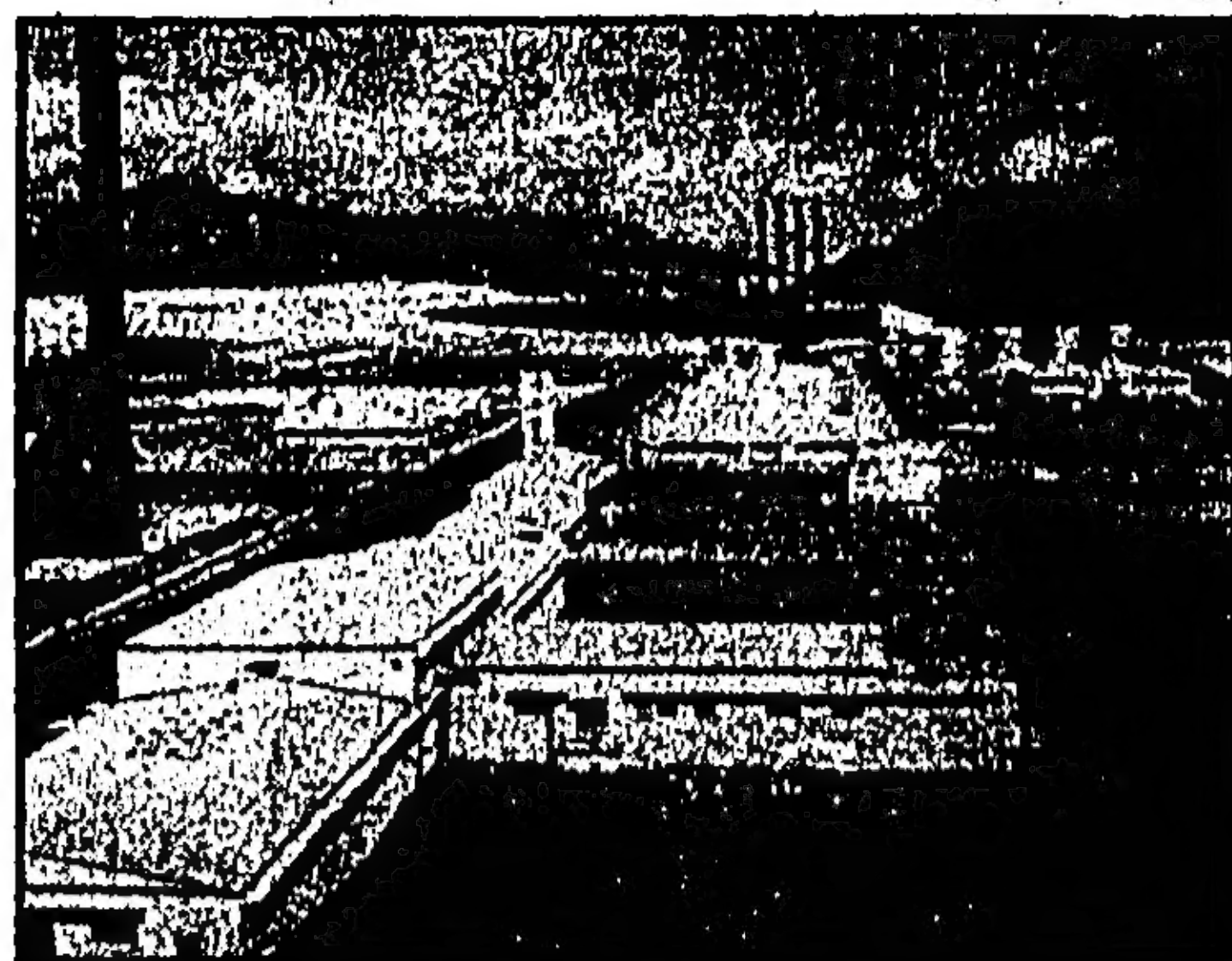
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THE "SAFEST" REFINERY

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A general view of the British Petroleum Company's refinery at Aden.

THE FROU-FROU REVOLT

By SYDNEY SMITH

PARIS. France's frou-frou trade is in revolt. Yes, the ten thousand men and women—that is the exact figure—who make their living in France designing corsets and underwear are fed up.

They feel that Messieurs Dior and Fath and the rest of the sacred salon divinities of fashion are getting too much credit for dictating women's lines.

So the French National Federation of Corset Manufacturers—that is the frou-frou trade—has opened a drive called "The Fortnight of the Line."

We are going to see and hear nothing but corsets, girdles and brassieres everywhere—except on television because the underwear mannequins are too shy.

And—you have guessed it—leader of the frill and flounce campaign is a burly, middle-aged far-from-corseted MAN.

Lucien Libron, president of the corset industry.

"My family have been making corsets and things for 110 years and I know that the High Command of fashion cannot go on messing around with a woman's silhouette, certainly without us.

"And I know one other thing, the line a woman likes best is the real shape of a woman's body. Yes, it alters a little."

CREW LYRICAL

And here M. Libron grew slightly lyrical and his hands made round, expressive, generous gestures over his striped waistcoat. "Now last year the fashion was—they were well, pear-shaped. The effect of the A-line this year means they are pulled up higher, pushed a little to the side and are more—let's say—apple-shaped. But flattened? Extinguished? Suppressed?"

M. Libron lifted his hands in devout horror.

"Mon Dieu," he cried, "Never, you will never get women to go back to 1920 when they bound their chests flat with bandages. This year waists are not pinched so much."

"We are making our corsets and girdles just a little, little looser and higher so that waists will be longer and straighter."

Premier Mossadegh was godfather to the Aden refinery; when he closed the world's largest at Abadan, Aden was built as a substitute. But no one worries about Abadan resuming production because Aden is outstripping Abadan in importance. For one thing, it's "safer" by hundreds of miles than any other Middle East refinery in distance from Soviet Russia.

Little Aden. When the Duke of Edinburgh was here earlier this year, he posed a rather embarrassing question to his hosts. Visiting Aden with Queen Elizabeth on her tour of the Commonwealth, he was shown the British Petroleum Company's vast new refinery.

The "Little Aden" site, next door to Aden Town, is a machine-made triumph over the rocky wilderness. The \$45,000,000 project covers 600 acres, of which 270 acres are reclaimed land created by pushing the mountains into the Indian Ocean with bulldozers.

"But why?" asked the Duke. "Isn't Arabia big enough to build a refinery without filling up the sea for a site?"

"It was a hard question to answer," Alexander Trantor told me. Trantor is general manager of the refinery, which BPC built here after Premier Mohammed Mossadegh had closed down Abadan, the world's largest refinery.

"The main reason we levelled and filled the area was to push out further into the Gulf of Aden to get deeper draft for the docks," he explained. "We used the rubble to build an artificial harbour with three jetties which can handle four 38,000-ton super-tankers at once."

ONE YEAR

I had visited Little Aden in March of 1953 when the landscape was nothing but rocky heights and undulating dunes. The bulldozers and graders already were working 24-hour shifts and the vanguard of 2,500 European and American technicians, with 10,000 Arab and Indian labourers, were arriving to construct the refinery.

A temporary township was thrown up to house the army of workmen and on April 17, 1953, the first pile was driven into the ocean bed for the jetties.

Exactly one year later, the first furnace was fired in the power station. Another three months and the Aden refinery designed to process 5,000,000 tons of crude oil a year, was in business.

The decision to build the refinery here was taken in 1950,

This event was the British decision to evacuate the Suez Canal Zone. Aden emerged as one of the leading substitute bases in an area where the West still depends on the British for maintaining a large part of defensive might.

FAR FRINGE

If world war came, Soviet Russia could be expected to make the Middle East oilfields a priority target for their long-range bombers. Without Middle East supplies, the West would have to bring its oil across the Atlantic in vulnerable tankers.

The choice of Aden looks increasingly well-advised to Western strategists, since it is on the far fringe of the danger area—several hours flying time further than Abadan or Ras Tanura, the principal Saudi Arabian refinery on the Persian Gulf.

And Aden has become the hub of a vast network of Royal Air Force routes, spreading from East Africa to Southeast Asia. In one important sense, this network serves as a connecting link between NATO and SEATO.

Back at the refinery today, there are only 1,750 British, Arabs and Indians left to run the project. The American effort, it is recalled solely by the wide boulevards named after American engineers who built the township, a power station putting out 22,500 kilowatts and pumping 4,000,000 gallons of water every hour to service the refinery.

Trantor told me nearly 180,000 tons of materials, equipment and stores—including 100,000 tons of steel—had been shipped to

Aden from Britain, France, Italy and the United States. All of it had to be moved by lighter six miles across the bay to Little Aden, or hauled to the refinery site by a desert track 20 miles long.

Drinking water is pumped from five wells 230 feet deep about eight miles distant from the refinery. It comes out of the ground at nearly 180 degrees F, which is sterilisation temperature. It is put through coolers and is ready for drinking without further treatment.

"There must be some volcanic action near the wells to keep the water at that temperature," a refinery official said. "That's not far from boiling point."

TWO UNITS

The refinery itself is made up of two crude oil distillation units—each capable of handling 3,000,000 tons of crude oil a year—a platforming unit and four "treatment" plants. The low number of employees required is partly due to the use of an electronic control board, the only one of its kind in the world, which regulates many processes in installations miles away by a hand switch.

The entire installation is more complete and modern than many

refineries in Europe, and some of the research paraphernalia will not be found anywhere else in the world. As a consumer, the apparatus which determines the amount of "knock" in every grade of gasoline refined.

Aden is also proud of its pipe. No one knows the total length of the great pipelines connecting the jetties to the refinery. But there are a six-inch and a 16-inch pipe both 10 miles long from the refinery to a tank farm near the port's bunkering facilities.

Work still continues on the building of Little Aden. The map of southern Arabia is being altered minutely almost daily as dredged sand and blasted rock are poured into the gulf to make breakwaters, quays and foundations for more buildings.

A bridge is going up to shorten the route from the refinery to the Port of Aden, and here an old industry may have to give way to the new. In the path of the projected bridge lies a small village whose inhabitants make salt by solar condensation. "It is an old and a big industry; there is a contract to supply Japan with 2½ million tons. The problem has not yet been settled, but salt probably will defer to oil, for oil is black gold."



The electronic control board, the only one of its kind in the world, at the British Petroleum Company's refinery at Aden. It automatically records and gives at a glance thousands of production figures.



The British Adventure (left) and the Norwegian tanker Ontos discharging fuel oil at Aden refinery.

MANLEY WILL HELP TO BUILD NEW EMPIRE

From RENE MacCOLL

Kingston, Jamaica. HE is a strikingly handsome fellow, this 62-year-old Queen's Counsel who became Jamaica's Chief Minister after beating his cousin, the great Bustamante, at the polls the other day.

Handsomeness, shrewdness, tremendously charming is Norman Washington Manley.

But apart from all that he is likely to play a big part in the federation of the West Indian Colonies, which he confidently predicts as happening in 1957 at the latest.

He is likely to play an even bigger part in the life of the great new Caribbean nation that will follow federation.

DIFFICULTIES

His wife, Edna, is a sculptress of repute. You could call Manley a sculptor too, for he is a passionate advocate of federation, and as he talks of it his coffee-coloured, delicately-chiselled face lights up.

Difficulties? Yes, indeed. Quite a few. The business of free migration between the islands is a headache.

It is the story—the rich and prospering colonies are none too keen to have a ship-happy horde of penniless people tearing in from the poverty-stricken and forlorn little specks on the map.

Someone has got to iron that out (a quota system, perhaps?).

Fiscal problems, too. You might suppose that all the banks on these neighbouring extinct volcanoes, which poke their summits so spectacularly out of the erstwhile Spanish Main, would accept the same currency. Wrong.

Jamaica has its own, which is not honoured in any other island. How about that?

Well, says Manley, there may be a transition period just before federation when a sort of dual note is in circulation—with a pound appearing on one side of it and several West Indian dollars on the other.

"Yes, there is plenty of hesitancy," concedes Manley, "but every federation that our world has seen has been attended by hesitancy."

He drags on a Jamaican cigarette and adds: "The man in the street is not really interested as yet. Tell him that there are 30,000 jobs going in the U.K. or the U.S.—

that's the thing that interests him. Federation is a big fabulous."

Manley didn't say so, but just about the biggest threat to federation lurking around now is the attitude of the Indian community in Trinidad.

The Indians could win the next Trinidad election. They could decide not to play ball on federation.

CLOSE-KNIT

They are close-knit, and they have been reminded with increasing frequency and urgency in the past few years, by voices from abroad, that Mother India owns their first allegiance.

Gays Manley: "There is never any real integration in a community until there is inter-marriage."

"The West Indian federation will play within the British Commonwealth. No question about that. In none of the island nations is there the slightest desire to break away."

But there is great strength of local feeling, and pride, in the colonies, completely submerged in their individual identities as a federated nation.

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Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Eighth Race Meeting of the current season will be a two-day affair, the first half to be run tomorrow afternoon and the latter half the following Saturday.

There are nine races each day on the programme, with the First Saddling Bell at 1.30 p.m. and the curtain raiser event set for 2 p.m.

All the events should be very keenly contested as there are several entries in each race capable of winning.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Mount Park Handicap (First Section) One Mile.

The opening race of the day is confined to Class 6 ponies, to be ridden by riders who have not won ten races anywhere at any time.

Courier (Mr. T. H. Yau) won the previous event at the last race meeting and the same rider has been promoted to this class.

Nevertheless, many are of the opinion that this pony will win again though still opposition is expected from Comet (Mr. Albert Lam), which has shown glimpses of coming into peak form.

Another pony with a good chance is Atomic (Mr. Start), and Drifter (Mr. Travers) may show to better advantage in this event in view of the shorter distance. Savern (Mr. David Lee) is a good outsider to follow.

SECOND RACE

Diamond Hill Plate (From 2-Mile Post)

This second race, in 1955, promises to be a very close contest and a thrilling race in the making with several ponies capable of pulling it off.

Among those to watch is Almond (Mr. Samson), Golden Branch (Mr. Sherriff), Mosaic (Mr. Renfrew), Ivanhoe (Mr. Sherriff), and Santa Maria (Mr. Alex Lee). An excellent outsider is best as (Mr. Wei).

THIRD RACE

Mount Trench Handicap (One Mile)

This race will be contested by Class 2 ponies. Marletta (Mr. Oliver) will, without doubt, be the slightly favored pony in this event.

event. It is in fine trim and all it needs is the luck of the race.

I think its closest rival is Knock-again (Mr. K. Kwok), which is in fine form at the moment and should give Marletta the fight of its life for the first position.

Clonfeckle (Mr. Samson) should receive some attention as it is ready for a good effort and is a sound place bet.

Gabriel Jinks (Mr. Chuang) has demonstrated plenty of urge to run and should be able to challenge the favorites here.

FOURTH RACE

Magazine Gap Handicap (From 1 1/2-Mile Post)

Fighting Spirit (Mr. K. Shui) is certainly the one to watch in this event, especially if you should remember how the competition came from behind to take second place over this distance at the 6th Race Meeting.

While Hum (Mr. Renfrew), it is doubtful but behind at the start should be well in at the finish.

Other notable contenders for honors are Highlight (Mr. Samson), Phoenix (Mr. C. A. Lee), Silver Dabba (Mr. E. S. Wong), and Pat O'Gold (Mr. H. K. Chuang).

FIFTH RACE

Morrison Hill Plate (From 2-Mile Post)

This race is confined to 1955 ponies. Ponies which have won less than \$1,250 in stakes are allowed. Weight winners of \$1,250-135 lbs., winners of \$1,500-140 lbs., winners of over \$1,500 to carry 1 lb. extra for each \$250 in part thereof won.

Maximum penalty, 150 lbs. Judging by results I expect the finish to evolve into a battle between Silver Wing (Mr. H. K. Chuang).

Chuang), Empire Rose (Mr. Tai), Lightning Foot (Mr. Wei), All Gay (Mr. Samson) and The Champ (Mr. K. F. Chiu).

Silver Wing won the Pearce Memorial Cup over 1 1/4 miles at the Annual Race Meeting with Mr. Renfrew up and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Empire Rose which did extremely well in winning the Wetherby Stakes over the mile at the 7th Race Meeting.

Lightning Foot is in fine condition at the moment and should have some say at the finish. All Gay and The Champ are two good outsiders to follow and, properly ridden, either can cause an upset here.

SIXTH RACE

Windy Gap Handicap (From 1 1/2-Mile Post)

Class 9 ponies will try conclusions here. Judging from recent form during morning gallops I fancy Gladious (Mr. Samson) to win but it is likely to receive strong opposition from Wild Honey (Mr. K. Kwok) and Korrera (Mr. Ostrumoff), both of which are capable of giving Gladious a good fight.

South Pacific (Mr. A. Nadd) and Bright Knight (Mr. Renfrew) are also considered good enough to extend those named above.

SEVENTH RACE

Mount Parker Handicap (Second Section) One Mile.

In this race the winner should come from How Do I Know (Mr. H. C. Woo), Dreadnaught (Mr. Chuang), Straight Flush (Mr. Oliver), Honey Dew (Mr. Kwok) and Conqueror (Mr. Samson).

How Do I Know has been knocking at the door of success for some time and with a bit of luck should make it this time.

Dreadnaught, with Mr. Plumby up, all at the start the last time out. Back in form, it should be very close at the finish.

Straight Flush and Honey Dew are not bad and Conqueror may surprise them all by winning here.

EIGHTH RACE

Grade Peak Handicap (From 1 1/2-Mile Post)

There are quite a number of speedy animals nominated for this sprint and it would be very worth while to watch the draw for post positions.

It has been whispered around that Hallmark (Mr. Samson) is a good thing for this race, but reliable tip on (Mr. Plumby) will have to be reckoned with, while it is well known that Straight Forward (Mr. Ostrumoff) enjoys going over this route.

Potentially (Mr. Renfrew) is another speedy racer and, if off to a good start, will be hard to catch.

NINTH RACE

Pottenger Gap Handicap (From 2-Mile Post)

This race concludes the day's events and of the entries Ringway (Mr. Plumby), beaten by Citation the last time out, has a grand chance to win here now that its conqueror is out of the way, but it is only fair to warn you about Fox Hunter (Mr. S. L. Cham), which will have the benefit of a several pounds allowance as Mr. Cham is a novice jockey.

Another pony on the very fit list is Easy Siam (Mr. Wei) while Another Victory (Mr. Tsai) and Ann Hing (Mr. Kwok) are also potential contenders.

World Ice Hockey Championships

Bonn, Mar. 3.

Canada maintained its goal lead in the World Ice Hockey Championships in West Germany after narrowly defeating Sweden three goals to nil in the seventh round at Krefeld tonight.

The Soviet Union, who tie with Canada on points, increased their goal average after defeating Germany five goals to one at Dusseldorf.

Canada and the Soviet 1954 Champions now have 12 points each after winning all their six matches.

The United States tied with Czechoslovakia four goals each at Cologne and Poland defeated Finland six goals to three at Cologne earlier today. —France-Press.

Learn from WALTER WINTERBOTTOM, England's Master Coach Get Into That Tackle

Every player, whatever his position, must learn how to tackle. You will learn most about this in match play, but take every chance of developing your skill.

Here are some points to remember:

Be quick in moving to the ball. You can often pounce on a loose ball or even a well-directed pass, before your opponent can bring it under control.

Tackle at the moment that your opponent is controlling the ball and you have a very good chance of catching him off balance. Go into your tackle quickly and strongly.

When your opponent has the ball under control, close in and

Try to sell him the dummy instead of pretending to tackle and then taking your opponent by surprise when he moves the ball.

Be ready to use the ball quickly if you get it. Recover quickly if beaten and give chase.

FOR CONFIDENCE

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Try to build up a rhythm of 1-2 so that you play the ball hard at the same time as your partner. You will find that you can tackle in this way quite powerfully, so that the ball almost goes out of shape.

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ASIAN SPORTS REVIEW INDIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL SNUB A GOVERNMENT MOVE TO STEP IN The Maharaja Had No One Less Than Mr Brundage Up His Sleeve

The Council of the Indian Olympic Association, meeting at Calcutta on February 14, refused to recognise the All-India Sports Council recently set up by the Government of India for the purpose of co-ordinating the nation's sporting activities and training programmes.

Mr S. Mohan Hsu, Secretary of the Council, proposed that the IOA should not recognise the new body set up by the Government. Mr M. Dutta Ray, representing the All-India Football Federation, proposed an amendment to Mr Mohan Hsu's motion, suggesting that the Council need be in no hurry to disassociate itself from the AISC and that a decision on whether to recognise the newly-formed Government body be shelved for two months' further consideration of the whole matter.

Mr Dutta Ray suggested that the Government had no intention to seize power in India's sporting world and the All-India Sports Council would remain only as an advisory body as stated by the Minister of Education. But the Council of the IOA defeated Mr Dutta Ray's amendment by 13 votes to 10.

Indian newspapers were inclined to disagree with the stand taken up by the IOA. One particularly biting piece of comment came from Pearson Suria, sports columnist of the Hindustan Times who, commenting on the All-India National Athletic Championships just concluded at Calcutta, said that he was convinced that the handling of athletic affairs could best be given over to a body with the authority, the time and the finances.

Mr Suria cited as an example, a soldier, Balkar Singh, who recently reached 143 feet (more than 43 metres) in the Discus Throw and was still throwing from a standing position, with out any turn in the circle, though he had been sent to the Asian Games last year and had apparently had the benefit of one or more of the many coaching schemes launched by the Indian Amateur Athletic Federation. Apparently one of a host of talented amateur coaches had bothered to instil into Balkar Singh the fact that turning with the discus will propel the missile a considerably further distance.

In fact, Mr Suria pointed out, had Balkar been taught the rudiments of correct discus throwing, he would be an even better prospect than the Asian Champion and record-holder, Parduman Singh, who had a host of talented amateur coaches had bothered to instil into Balkar Singh the fact that turning with the discus will propel the missile a considerably further distance.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB EIGHTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 5th & Saturday 12th March, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.40 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each per day and \$36

London, Mar. 3.

missions and promoters of something that can and must be eliminated if boxing is to survive."

Britain has not yet seen what effects television can have on boxing here. As for racketeering there has never been, and some say there never will be, such a thing in Britain on the scale seen in America.

Burt already there have been allegations of "double management" of some boxers and it is reportedly over this claim that

Melbourne, Mar. 4.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Story Of Ernest The Heir

ERNEST, when his father died, found himself heir to a substantial sum of money—and a most agreeable discovery it was to him. For though he was only just approaching middle-age, he had for some time found it increasingly irksome to have to earn his own living.

As soon as the inheritance was safely his, therefore, Ernest decided to treat himself to a respite from working. First, he would have a holiday, a long holiday, and then he would cast around at his leisure for some form of employment suited to his temperament.

A LITTLE MORE TIME
HIS background might have been thought to equip him well for such a programme—and reduce its hazards. He had gone to a good school, been brought up in a well-to-do home in Yorkshire and never lacked level-headed elders to go to for advice.

The first few weeks of freedom passed delightfully for Ernest, and the first few months. Time that had dragged so when he worked, now flew by, and he woke one morning and realised that his holiday had lasted for a whole year. He decided the hour of decision had struck, and that he must get a job.

THE LONG VACATION
WHEN his freedom had lasted three years, Ernest decided he must take himself firmly in hand. Resolve firmly visited him again after five years of leisure, after eight years of almost carefree living. When his holiday had lasted 10 years, his money ran out.

Now, he needed work most desperately, needed to work in order to eat and live. But after such long idleness, his skills had all deserted him, atrophied, and the friends he had made as free of his fortune, now ducked out of sight.
London was Ernest's home by now, and here he made money the only way he knew—cunning odd coppers and occasional drinks by playing the piano in public-houses.

A COMA?
IN between times he begged in the streets, and four times was arrested as a beggar. The other day, at Great Marlborough Street, he faced another charge—stealing. He had wandered into a chemist's shop and stolen some vitamin tablets, a bottle of cough-mixture, a bandage.
Ernest, in whom there are still faint traces of his better days—an old but good overcoat, has recently trimmed, pleaded that he had entered the shop while in a coma. But he was found guilty, and remanded for a doctor's report. The doctors could find

nothing wrong with him, and declared him fit to work.

HOUR OF DECISION
"THIS man is very plausible," said Mr Charles Morgan, the probation officer, to the magistrate, Mr Clyde Wilson. "He tells me, however, that this time he really means to get a job."

"Quite right, sir," Ernest said approvingly. "I shall get on honourable job. I have had quite enough of this sort of life. When you discharge me (no one had as yet mentioned a discharge) I shall go to some quiet place for the evening and then look for work. I have been praying for this moment of decision."

"Well," said the magistrate, "having regard to your means, I shall make it 20s. or one day this time."
"Thank you, sir, thank you," Ernest said, and he marched from the court with a sidelong glance at the clock. As if he expected the hour of decision to strike, and hoped that the clock might prove to be just a few minutes fast.

Debate On Cotton Industry

London, Mar. 3.
The Labour Opposition tonight put forward a censure motion of the Government's handling of the situation in Britain's cotton industry.

The motion, signed by Mr Clement Attlee, the Party chief, Mr Herbert Morrison, its deputy, and other Labour leaders, "notes with concern the serious situation which is developing in the cotton industry and regrets the failure of the British Government to take effective action to remedy the position."

It will be debated in the House of Commons next Wednesday when Mr Harold Wilson, former Labour President of the Board of Trade, will lead the Opposition attack.
Chief Government speakers will be Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr Herbert Morrison, Labour members are likely to be critical particularly of the present flow of cheap Indian cotton goods to this country and its effect on Lancashire's industry.
Lancashire Labour Members of Parliament contend that the Government is ignoring the area and failing to take sufficiently vigorous action to stop trends which depress the industry here.—Reuter.

2 Men Lost In Arctic

Ate Dogs To Keep Alive

Ottawa, Mar. 3.
A Hudson Bay Company clerk described today how he and his Eskimo guide ate five of their 11 dogs to stay alive during six weeks of wandering lost in the Canadian Arctic.

Donald Baird, 22, and his Eskimo companion Ootooke arrived at Cape Dorset, Northwest Territories, last night after wandering over Southern Baffin Island since January 15. They had started out on that day to go to Frohisher, 300 miles away—a 10-day journey with a good dog team.

Baird said they knew they were lost two days after leaving Mingo Lake, 80 miles from Frohisher. It took eight days to get their bearings again in the glacial and mountainous country.
During their long trek, they struggled against 80-mph winds, through raging blizzards with temperatures never rising above 20 below zero. Often the mercury sank to more than 40 below.

Baird said they shot two caribou for food. When that supply of meat gave out, they started to eat their dogs.
Search planes sighted the two men, but mistook them for Eskimo hunters as they had only six in all of 11 dogs.
The two suffered minor frost-bite but otherwise were in good condition.—United Press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rackets And Deception

Sir,—Although man's progress may continue along scientific lines and the H-bomb may be perfected in many countries, the fate of the common man (or woman) remains very much the same. In Hong-kong the middleclass wage-earner continues to be the object of rackets and deception.
Can any of your reader tell me why it is that when a flat is advertised at \$200 per month it usually turns out to be \$300 per month when the poor flat-seeking tenant comes to terms with the money-hungry landlords? Is there no honesty left in this community? Many of us earn just enough to live on comfortably but if we have to pay additional rent, we will be in the red, and it is enough to make anyone see red.
The latest racket even breaks into our spare-time entertainment. We read advertisements offering cheap radio sets for monthly payments including the licence fee. Does Government allow licence fees to be paid by instalments? When we apply for the service as advertised what do we find? That you can have a radio set for \$14 per month? No sir! It is not mentioned in the advertisement, but you find that you have to pay a very large deposit and provide a guarantee from a friend. What kind of public deception is this?
Can anything be done to protect the interests of our poorer classes?
FAIR PLAY

THE GEORGIC ARRIVES

The 27,400-ton troopship Georgic arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom with replacement troops for Hongkong and Korea.
Returning in the Georgic from Singapore was the 50 Coy RASC basketball team after winning the FARELE Inter-unit basketball championship.
Georgic is continuing her northward voyage this afternoon.

MRS RICKETT LEAVES FOR UK

Mrs Adele Austin Rickett, of Yonkers, New York, who was recently released from a Peking prison on espionage charges, sailed for the United States in the S. Pine Tree Mariner this morning.
Mrs Rickett, 35, who was held on similar charges and who arrived here from China with Mrs Rickett last Sunday, left in another American freighter yesterday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hate to break up the game, but I always like to have George's dinner ready—he's a devoted husband about little things like that!"

The Best Concert To Date

Last night's Sino-British Club Music Group chamber concert was the best of the three which have been given this season at the Grantham Training College. The main praise of the evening goes to the strings. The players showed a quite outstanding improvement on their previous performances.

Professor Foa and Mr Alves, again gave us a duet for violin and viola, by Gordon Jacob, professor of composition at the Royal College of Music in London. His music is always interesting, very correct as regards form, though in a modern idiom. This "Prelude, Fugue and Fugue" is a vigorous work, and the players' attack was exact, their tone and phrasing blended more successfully than in their performance of a Handel duet at the last concert. The audience thoroughly enjoyed this work, and gave the players a real, an unusual occurrence at these concerts.

The Foa Quartet, assisted by Mr Frank Huang as second cello, played the Quintet in C major, by Beethoven, the 18th century Italian cellist-composer. Here the warmth and harmonious blending of all parts was remarkable; as always, the middle parts (second violin and viola) were steady and strong. Mr Funnell's cello tone has been fairly broadened and deepened since we last heard him in an early Beethoven Quartet.

It is interesting to notice how a composer who was also an instrumentalist favoured his own instrument, and Beethoven provided a fine cello part in this Quintet. The spirited last movement (Rondo) is often played as a cello solo, and apart from one slightly scrambled passage, Mr Funnell, supported by the second cello, did it due justice. The music, in those musical moods seem to vary, was last night definitely the chamber music leader and not the soloist, and the result was a happy one.

PLEASING

A pleasant contribution was the opening piece of the programme, a Duo for Flute and Bassoon by Beethoven, played by Dr C. K. Wong and Mr Chang Wing-sou, accompanied with her usual sympathy and musicianship by Miss Isolda Ahwee. We look forward to hearing Miss Ahwee in a chamber music work in which she can do her abilities full justice. This piece, to my mind like all works for wind instruments, is a pleasing curiosity, very suitable for a salon or a small hall. Dr Wong's loop was exceedingly sweet and round, and the phrasing of both players was neat. The "Andante" towards the close of the short work was well done and made for a quite brilliant ending.

The remaining work of the evening was Schumann's "Ständchen Symphonie," a work to reveal pianistic brilliance, less romantic than much of Schumann's output.
Miss Ruby Woo, the pianist, has strength and a depth of touch

which produced more than the usual rather toneless response from the particular piano used. Her playing is inclined to lack variety, and she could concentrate more on the more lyrical tone where appropriate, for instance in the major-key variation where the melody is in the left hand and the right hand has a striking arpeggio-like figure.
One suggestion: in the big "chorus variation" it is much more effective to begin "pianissimo" (like a giant walking on tip-toes) and to increase gradually to full strength; I have heard the greatest masters, such as Cortot, do this with terrific effect. Miss Woo played the finale with brilliant vigour, a good ending to a very creditable performance.
This was a most enjoyable evening; we look forward to more of these enterprising chamber music concerts.—XX.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.
Summary: 6.02 Children's Half Hour presented by Joan and Valerie (Studio); 6.20 Popular Song Parade; 6.30 Weather Report; 7.00 Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10 Special Announcements; 7.15 Brief of the Week—Andrea Segovia (Studio); 7.20 Viewpoint, a weekly magazine devoted to the Arts Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin (Studio); 7.30 Book Review by Charles Lowe "Don Camillo's Dilemma" by Guarechchi, Pub. by Heinemann at 12s. 6d. Recorded Excerpts from "Carissima" by Samuel Richardson and "Tom Jones" by Henry Fielding (BBC); 8.00 "The Love Hour" Classical Requests by Alan Stephenson (BBC); 8.15 Boulevard Cafe; 8.20 Record Round-Up; 8.30 Weather Report; 8.40 Time Signal Radio News Real (BBC); 8.45 London Relay; 8.50 Goodnight Music: God Save The Queen; 11.30 Close Down.

Appointments

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has approved the appointment of Dr Horace Gordon, F.R.C.S., to be Gynaecological and Obstetric Specialist. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.
Dr Gordon arrived in the Colony on February 25 on transfer from Gibraltar.
It was also notified that H.E. the Governor has approved the appointment of Mr G. C. Jarvis, Senior Auditor, to be Acting Deputy Director of Audit, vice Mr Williams.

Judge Calls Counsel To Order

Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning told Mr Percy Chen, defending first accused in the trial of two men charged with murder at the Criminal Sessions, to "refrain from attacking Senior Crown Counsel" upon no foundation whatsoever.

Mr Chen, who was giving his closing address to the Jury, had accused the Prosecution of misleading the Court in the matter of the production of statements.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, had protested at what he called "this mud-slinging" by Mr Chen against the Prosecution.

The accused are Yam Kwan-pak, alias Ah Kwan, 20, and Ho Kwong-tang, alias Ah Tung, 24. Both men were alleged to have murdered PC Lui Shing at the Hunghom Playground on December 6 last year.

Mr Chen is instructed by Mr D. B. Gunston, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, in his defence of first accused. Second accused is defended by Mr Leo Wing-kan, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co.

Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting together with Mr Blair-Kerr. They are assisted by Chief Detective Inspector C. J. Askew.

Yesterday, a third accused, Yam Pak, alias Lan To-yee, 20, was discharged after His Lordship upheld a submission of no case to answer on Yam's behalf by Mr Lawrence Leong, who was instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Continuing his address from yesterday, Mr Chen said, on the question of identification, that if an independent witness, Cheng Suk-fong was unable to identify rightly as to who stabbed the deceased in the Hunghom Playground, in spite of the fact that she stood some 60 feet away, how could Yuen Kin-sun, another Prosecution witness who was an interested party in the affair—say for sure that first accused was the man who did the stabbing, from his (witness's) position on a rooftop?

One of the peculiarities of the case, Counsel went on, was the fact that first and third accused were brothers, and looked alike except that one was taller than the other.

His Lordship here asked Mr Chen if he was suggesting that third accused was the man who stabbed the deceased, pointing out that third accused had already been discharged.

Mr Chen said that in fact and in law His Lordship was right in withdrawing the case against third accused from the Jury. But, he added, that did not mean to say that just because the Crown did not bring the necessary evidence against third accused, that it was not possible there was a mistake in identity between the two brothers.

"You have a case here where the question of mistaken identity is very easily explained," Mr Chen stated.

RULES QUOTED
Turning to Rule 9 of the Judgments Rules, Counsel said it provided that where two or more persons were charged with the same offence and statements were taken from the persons charged the Police should read the statements made by them to one another, but all such persons should be furnished with a copy of such statements, and nothing should be said by the Police to invite a reply.

If the person charged was invited to do so afterwards, he should first be cautioned, and then the person whose statements were handed to each other should be charged with the same offence.

Mr Chen said that, in the present case, the Police decided to charge seven men on December 8 for the offence of murder, and based their reasons for charging them on a common intention. His argument would be that in bringing their case to Court they had failed to show a common design linking all the accused together.

"TRICKED BY CROWN"
Referring to a statement made by one Li Yuk-wah, who was one of those seven men, Chen asked as to why this statement had not been put in by the Prosecution. Mr Chen added that he (Counsel) had been tricked by the Crown.

His Lordship remarked that he did not consider there was any relevance of the part of the Prosecution.

PROMOTED
H.E. the Governor has approved the appointment of Mr John W. H. Brown, of the Hong Kong Police Force, to be Second Officer, in the Government Gazette today.

Two Official Inspectors of the Police have been appointed by H.E. the Governor. They are Mr. J. W. H. Brown and Mr. J. W. H. Brown.

US Plane In Difficulties

A United States Air Force DC3 aircraft, which left Hongkong for Manila early this morning, met with engine trouble while approximately 150 miles out from the Colony.
The Royal Air Force here immediately dispatched two Hornets and a Sunderland aircraft to accompany the distressed plane back to Hongkong. The DC3 made a safe landing at Sekong airstrip at 11.55 a.m.

Hongkong's Darkest Hour

London, Mar. 3.
The period from January 1942 to August 1945 was without doubt the blackest in the history of Hongkong, according to the latest volume of the British Medical History of the Second World War.

Although deaths from war injuries during the hostilities of December 1941 were comparatively few, more than 2,000 civilians, the deaths from violence and from starvation, particularly in 1942, rose to appalling heights, the History, published by the Stationery Office, declared.

The invading forces made it clear that they intended to bring about a great reduction in the population.
"SYSTEMATIC STARVATION"
It comments: "The systematic starving of the bulk of the population over such an extended period, more than three and a half years, may exerted a serious effect on the health of the community for many years to come."

"At one hospital when the area was overrun on December 23, several members of the nursing staff were criminally assaulted."

"In another hospital the Commanding Officer and another Royal Army Medical Corps officer were killed while attempting to protect their patients and nursing staff."

"Patients were bayoneted and four nurses were criminally assaulted. Three being killed."

This History states that about 20,000 people in Singapore and 60,000 in the Federation of Malaya were executed, or failed to return from forced labour camps, during the Japanese occupation.

It says that the true total of dead will never be known.—Reuter.

Soldiers' Boyish Prank

Two soldiers, Edward Henry Blackford, 20, and Lawrence Robinson, 27, both of 56 Coy REME, appeared before Mr Hing-shing Lo at Central this morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a rattan chair.

At 12.20 this morning Police constables were on motor patrol in North Point when they saw defendants about to enter their camp gate holding a rattan chair. Insulted by the sight, they had taken the chair from the doorway of 17 Shelter Street, stated the Prosecuting Officer.

The nature of this offence, he added, was more or less a boyish prank. They had been drinking.

Why The Pool Has Gone

Queries have been made by residents in the east end of Bowen Road as to the PWD construction work in progress in that area.

According to the Government Public Relations Office, the Drainage Department is engaged in filling in a small pond formed by a wall carrying the Waterworks conduit across a small valley.

Complaints have been received in the past about the presence of mosquitoes in the area, and recently there was a case of a man drowning in the pool. The PWD have therefore decided to fill in the pool.

New Official IP

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